

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



Off and running for the New Year.

No time to sit around and wait for something to happen, let's do it NOW!

Along with all the newly installed officers I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and hopefully a prosperous one.

We have several ideas we are working on to make the meetings interesting enough so you will want to come back for more, and should you come up with an idea, run it by us and we'll see if we can incorporate it into the agenda.

The 404 Club is planning a Spaghetti Supper for February 11 at the Citrus Shrine Club. I'm told that the last one was a sellout, so get your tickets early as they have to limit sales, due to building constraints.

The three principal officers are planning on going to the Masonic Home in January to fulfill that obligation and receive recognition from them. Our Lodge has been keeping up with this for the last several years and we are in hopes to continue well into the future. If you want to go with us, just let me know as we intend to carpool.

We are looking forward to eternizing the good fellowship that Ridge has come to be synonymous with.

The theme for January is:

Relax, enjoy yourself and get accustomed to the new officers. We need to do a little adjusting, so please bear with us.

Each month we will have a different theme and everyone will be invited to participate, either by telling a story concerning Masonry or even just sitting on the sidelines, as empty chairs scare me.

Catch my January opening monologue for the theme we will be working around for the year.

Our Alter will be draped in memory of Wor. Richard Hermann.

W.: M.: Robert H. Owen 33°

Past Masters

W.: Dennis Suarino	2016
W.: Peter Carter	2015
W.: Pete Raymond	2014
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2013
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2012
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2011
W.: Chuck Taylor	2010
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2009
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr.	2007
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2006
W.: Buzz Bernard	2005
W.: Charley Rhodes	2004
W.: Charley Rhodes	2003
W.: Jim McIntosh	2002
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2001
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1999
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1998

From the WEST



Here we go again, the beginning of a new year. As your newly elected Senior Warden, I would like to thank all of you for having the confidence in me to fill this office.

As in the past, I have always been a strong supporter of Masonic Ritual, and will be in the future. It is important that it is done properly and with respect. This is why we practice every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our lodge should be proud of its' officers, for we do an excellent ritual whether in opening or degree work. I would like to invite our brothers to please come to our practices once in a while to listen to our officers practice. Believe it or not, your presence at our practices would be a great help. How you may ask? 1. It helps our brothers relax. 2. It shows support for our Lodge. 3. It brings fellowship closer. So my brothers, if you can work it into your schedule once in a while, please come. Don't forget coffee and doughnuts are always here.

The annual "Installation of Officers" on December 27, 2016 was once again very impressive and very well done. Thanks to R.:W.: Gerald O'Dell, W.: Jeremy O'Dell, and W.: Ken Curry for performing the installation. All advanced as planned, and all but three were installed. (Two were on vacation.).

At the present we are in need of a Junior

Steward. If anyone could help us fill this position, please let R.:W.: Slim Owen or me know, thanks.

S.:W.: Mike Cota

2016 Trestle-Board Boosters

**Fred & Dottie Basehore
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Ray & Linda Devaul
Ken & Rose Drennen
Chris Edney
Gunnar Erickson
Hank & Loretta McInturff
Slim & Anita Owen
Pete & Mary Raymond
John & Carol Ross
Dennis & Gail Suarino
Bob & Gert Taber**

If your name isn't listed here and you have made your donation, please send an email to: slim.owen@gmail.com. Thanks!



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for January 24

Will be at

Crackers

In

Crystal River



I am sort of “out of practice”. It has been an awful long time since I have written anything. I am the newly installed Junior Warden and have the duty of writing an article for the Trestle Board.

I also have the duty to arrange for the meals for the Lodge Meetings and Lap Day.

Lap Day this month will be the 24th of January at Crackers Restaurant in Crystal River. We usually get there around 11:30 with lunch at around 12:00.

J.:W.: Ben Edney

Officers 2017

Worshipful Master	(352)746-6936	R.:W.: Robert Owen
Senior Warden	(352)445-2422	Bro. Mike Cota
Junior Warden	(352)637-5073	Bro. Ben Edney
Treasurer	(352)726-8714	Bro. Robert Taber
Secretary	(352)628-0668	W.: Robert Bernard
Chaplain	(352)345-0416	W.: Peter Carter
Senior Deacon	(352)697-3763	Bro. Chris Edney
Junior Deacon	(352)220-4706	Bro. Brian Lee
Senior Steward	(352)257-9495	Bro. David Murray
Junior Steward	(352)	
Marshall	(352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler	(352)220-0256	Bro. Ken Rowe

The Chaplain's Corner

Brothers,

As we close another year, let us remember to be thankful for the many blessings we have received, and remember to pray regularly to our Creator for continued guidance this upcoming year. Many of our Brothers and Loved ones are in need of prayer, but I encourage everyone of you to pray for each other daily. For any relationship to prosper and be healthy, conversation and communication must be included...and so it is with our Heavenly Father, we must communicate our needs and be ever thankful for his Grace through prayer. Please contact me if you know of anyone suffering sickness or distress (not listed below) in need of prayer.



AMERICA, Dewey Bandy, Chuck & Betty Bradley, Dave Chitko, John Consoli, Greg Cwik, Jim Furtado, Bill Harms, Sylvia Hartsfield, Larry & Roberta Hawley, Lou & Barb Irizary, Janice Lee, Hank McInturff, Cliff McPhee, Carl Nelson, Gerald & Karen O'Dell, Heather Renfroe, John & Elaine Rhame, Jim Roach, Paul Rosser, Shade Simpkins, Tom Stratford, Chris Taber, Tony Vaughan,
And our Military Personnel

R.:H.: Peter Carter, Chaplain

Happy Birthday To:



Tom Tyner	Jan 2
Richard Naylor	Jan 6
Larry Spaulding	Jan 11
Ray Thompson	Jan 16
Ken Drennen	Jan 17
John Lee	Jan 18